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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF THORNTON,

COMPRISING THOSE OF THE

Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor,  
School Committee, etc., etc.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.

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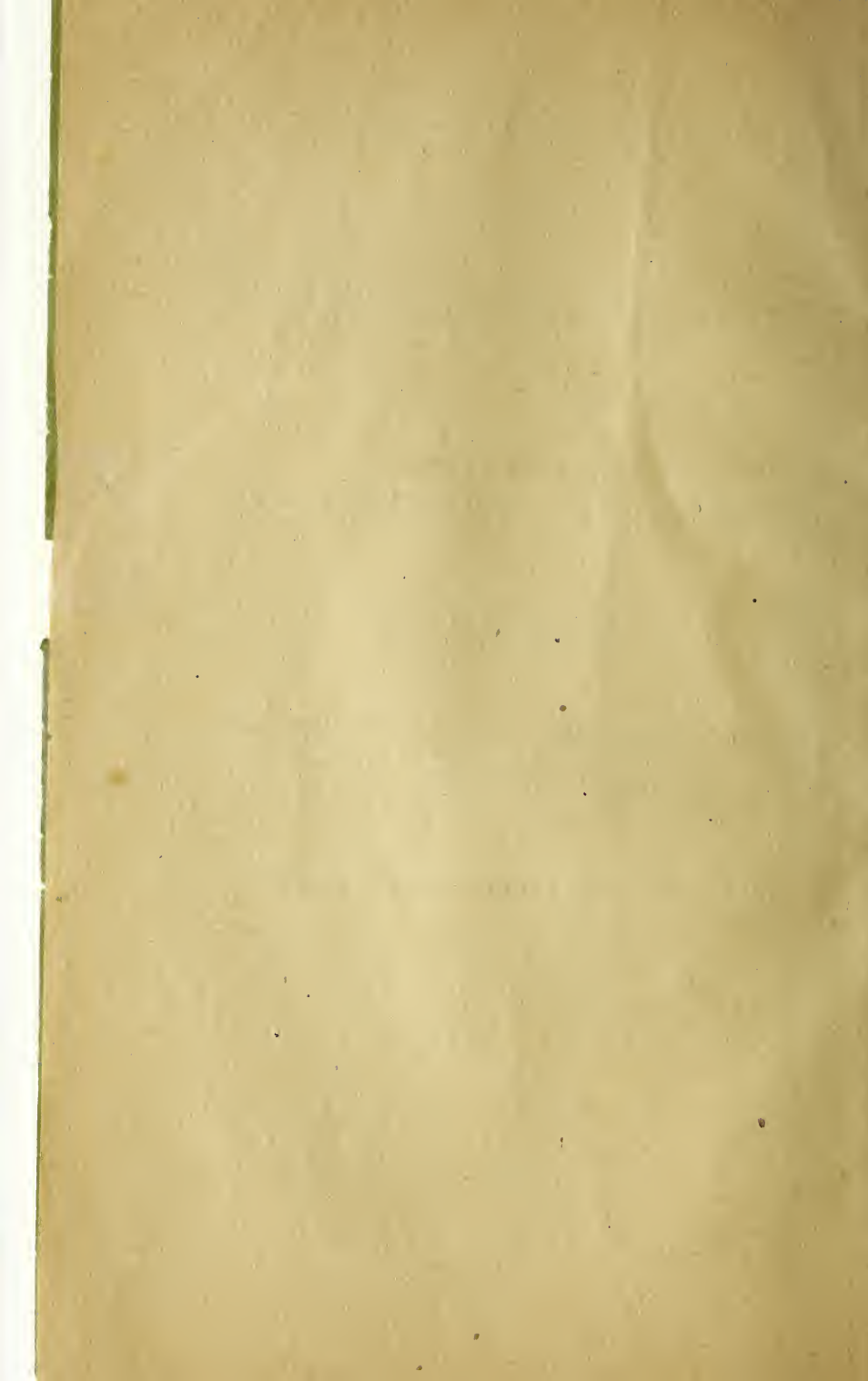
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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The Selectmen of the town of Thornton charge themselves as follows:—

### DR.

To cash received on town notes,	\$815 00
“ “ of State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax,	60 54
“ “ “ Literary fund,	74 37
“ “ of the County for support of paup-ers,	407 92
“ “ of Town Treasurer, deposit of A Tender,	35 00
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	\$1,392 83

### CR.

By cash paid Town Treasurer,	\$1,392 83
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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Orders given on the Treasurer for the following sums:—

Paid on town notes,	\$1,335 53
school agent, District No. 1,	120 87
“ “ 2,	66 50
“ “ 4,	92 80
“ “ 5,	38 50
“ “ 6,	95 99
“ “ 7,	47 00
“ “ 8,	51 25
“ “ 9,	69 00
“ “ 11,	80 59
“ “ 12,	45 00
B. M. B. Selingham his school money for 1880,	7 00
“ “ overseer of the poor,	517 71
H. W. Blair for counsel in 1874,	17 00
for selectmen's desk,	13 75
E. P. Cone, agent district No. 2, balance of S.	
H. tax, 1877-8,	153 88
H. N. Clay for care of town house, 1879-80,	9 50
N. K. Russ for work on snow fence,	1 31
H. V. Hart for services as supervisor and money paid out,	19 71
H. V. Hart for plank,	2 43
F. M. Marden for plank and timber,	8 70
A. C. Moulton for plank and work on road,	2 75
Bass & Houghton for printing reports,	18 00
E. G. Guilford for returns of births and deaths,	1 50
D. E. Brown for work on road,	1 92
D. F. Peaslee “ bridge,	2 50
Wm. E. Blake “ road,	11 38
H. and A. Merrill “ “	2 52
Wm. Jones for lumber,	3 00
Hiram Merrill, school-house tax, Dis. No. 7,	5 77
I. H. Wyatt, bounty on two bears,	20 00
H. M. Fifield for work on bridge,	35 00
J. B. Sanborn & Co. for books and blanks,	7 50
M. and D. Foss for plank and lumber,	121 08
J. W. Pattee, services as liquor agent, 1879,	45 00

County tax for the year 1880,	653 21
State tax for the year 1880,	388 00
Agent school district No. 6, part school-house tax,	13 20
A. Darling for work on road,	2 85
John Colby for building bridge,	15 00
A. Lyford for services as auditor and supervisor,	12 75
A. P. Carpenter as counsel,	34 00
Burleigh & Adams       “	45 00
James P. Topping, services as school committee,	36 00
Jonathan Moulton for lumber and plank,	42 34
Wm. T. Snow for work on road,	8 39
Philip Hart       “       “	2 25
Daniel Peaslee       “       “       and plank,	3 24
John Colby       “       “	13 45
F. M. Marden for plank,	14 40
J. E. Pattee, services as supervisor,	11 25
Charles Caldon for work on road,	4 15
A. Robie       “       “	2 20
building committee. District No. 9, school house tax,	23 16
Lewis H. Loveland for lumber and work,	5 57
Geo. W. Fifield for plank, and services as auditor,	4 65
E. Elliott, services as auditor,	1 50
Charles Shute for plank,	3 51
T. J. Gilman for work on road,	2 20
J. H. Ham, via settlement of road case,	800 00
C. F. Plummer for plank,	15 12
agent District No. 5, part school house tax,	20 55
Lewis Kendrick for plank and work on road,	9 56
Charles P. Sargent, services as town clerk,	20 00
Jeremiah Gilman for labor on highway,	6 25
“       for money paid out for town,	4 33
“       “       “       bounties,	0 80
“       for board of selectmen,	5 00
B. M. B. Selingham for money paid out as overseer,	12 72
B. M. B. Selingham for services as overseer to March 1, 1881,	30 00
Orrin F. James for money paid out for bounties,	2 80
“       “       “       postage	3 48
Orrin F. James for money paid out for doing town business,	32 99

Orrin F. James for work on road and bridges,	15	25
Orrin A. Straw, work on road and plank,	5	79
H. H. Constantine for public water trough, 1878-9-80,	9	00
Orrin F. James for services as selectman to March 1, 1881,	97	25
Jeremiah Gilman, do. do.	81	00
J. P. Mason, do. do.	39	75
J. P. Mason, money paid out,		50
Walter C. Merrill for services as treasurer,	40	00
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	\$5,666 35	

## T O W N D E B T .

Notes Betsey Page,	\$200	00
C. and B. Shute, •	39	00
E. G. Foss,	498	00
Emily Durgin,	102	00
Charles Shute,	197	00
Carter Foss,	1,654	00
J. F. Morrill, guardian,	396	00
C. Tucker,	29	00
Willie Baker,	47	00
Milton Woodbury,	14	00
Barnard Page,	355	00
M. E. Willey,	195	00
L. B. Shute,	162	00
B. B. Hodsdon,	7	00
R. T. Melcher,	61	00
'Rilla C. Sanborn,	161	00
Judith Foss,	513	00
Mahala Foss,	513	00
John Johnson,	79	00
Edmond Cone,	188	00
Lydia Woodbury,	397	00
Sarah J. Woodbury,	106	00
Mary A. Gordon,	54	00
Herod Fifield,	53	00
E. P. Cone,	703	00
B. L. Peaslee,	131	00
C. Durgin,	80	00
A. B. Jackman,	26	00

J. H. Peaslee,	52 00
Lucy A. Elliott,	33 00
A. Lyford,	575 00
Lizzie M. Woodbury,	5 00
Emma F. Wood,	10 00
Emma F. Marden,	50 00
C. A. Selingham,	25 00

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\$7,710 00

Bonds payable Jan. 1, 1889,	\$10,000 00
Interest on same,	83 33
Bonds payable Jan. 1, 1894,	10,000 00
Interest on same,	83 33
Bonds payable Jan. 1, 1899,	1,175 00
Interest on same,	9 79

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\$21,351 45

Coupons due Jan. 1, 1880, not paid,	\$23 75
“ “ 1881, “	40 00

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\$63 75

### ASSETS.

Collection list, 1877-8,	\$100 00
“ 1879,	65 00
“ 1880,	3,200 00
“ 1868,	30 00
Due from State for bounties,	30 20
“ county for support of paupers,	26 92
In overseer's hands,	38 63
Profits in liquor agent's hands, 1880,	123 00
In Treasurer's hands, March 1, 1881,	553 77

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\$4,167 52



Amount of town debt,	\$29,125 20
Assets,	<u>4,167 52</u>
Amount of debt, less assets,	23,957 68

Statement of Taylor Fund in the town of Thornton,	1,045 67
School fund, town of Thornton,	1,312 50

ORRIN F. JAMES,  
JEREMIAH GILMAN,  
JONATHAN P. MASON,

*Selectmen of Thornton.*



## REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Money received of the town of Thornton per order  
from the selectmen on treasurer, \$517 71

### PAID FOR COUNTY PAUPERS.

George R. Tucker,	\$28 00
Benjamin Tucker,	41 91
Eugene Hart,	62 50
Phineas McDermitt,	10 00
S. D. Fadden,	162 00
Mary F. Whitney,	32 50
Jacob Benton, part old bill,	42 36
John Tucker,	34 98
Wooster Foss,	34 09
Transient,	7 00
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	\$455 34

### PAID FOR TOWN PAUPERS.

Mrs. Joshua Merrill and family,	\$23 74
Money in hands of overseer of poor,	\$38 63

B. M. B. SELINGHAM,

*Overseer of the Poor.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*From March 1, 1880, to March 1, 1881.*

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In treasury, March 1, 1880,	\$558 36
Received of selectmen,	1,392 83
"    M. B. Cone, collector, school house tax,	
District No. 2, for the year 1877-8,	142 18
Received of M. B. Cone, collector, for 1877,	101 35
"        "        "        1867,	6 22
"        "        "        1878,	144 00
"    Ephraim Elliott, collector for 1879,	2,376 43
"        "        "        1880,	2,420 00
"    J. W. Pattee, liquor agent,	100 00
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	\$7,241 37

## CR.

Money paid out by order of selectmen,	\$5,666 35
"    on coupons for 1880,	2 50
"    "        "    1881,	1,018 75
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	\$6,687 60

Total amount received,	\$7,241 37
"    paid out,	6,687 60
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Money in treasury, March 1, 1881,	\$553 77

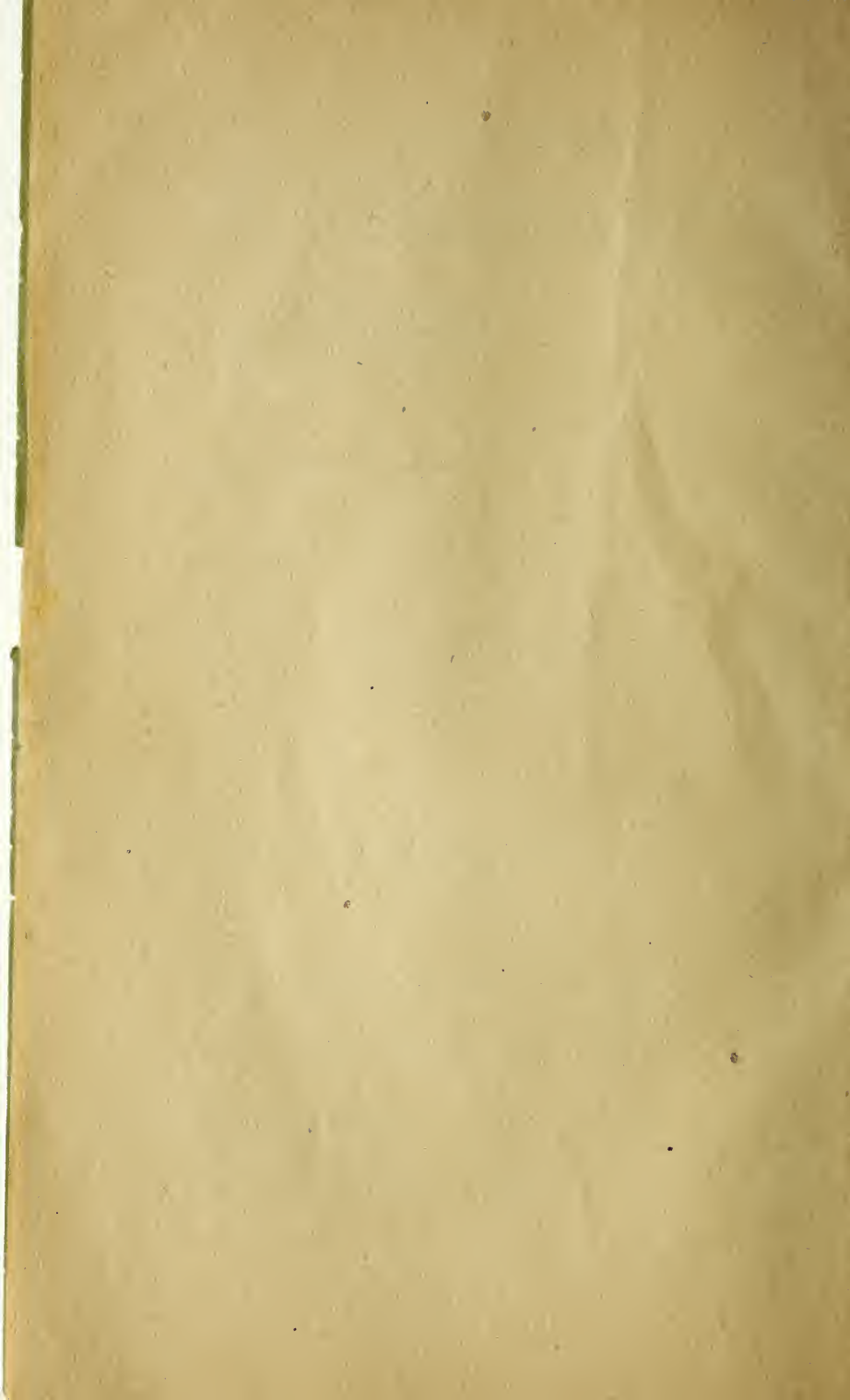
As the preceding report will specify the items for the orders given on the treasurer, it is not expedient for them to be given in this report, as the orders are all on file in the treasurer's office to which any reference may be made.

WALTER C. MERRILL.

*Treasurer.*

Having examined the accounts of the selectmen and treasurer and overseer of the poor of the town of Thornton for the year ending March 1, 1881, we find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ALBERT LYFORD,  
GEORGE W. FIFIELD,  
EPHRAIM ELLIOTT.



## SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of  
Thornton:*

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with duty as Superintending School Committee, I submit the following Report:

### DISTRICT No. 1.

*Prudential Committee, WILLIAM MERRILL.*

First term, taught by Miss Mary F. Elliott, of Rumney. Length of school, eight weeks. Whole number of scholars, twenty six; average attendance, twenty-three and thirteen twentieths. Roll of honor—Fred James, Melvina James, Mary Smith, Anna Abbott, Frances Smith, Minnie James, Linnie James, Bertha James.

The scholars that attended regularly through the term made commendably fast and thorough progress in their studies. School well governed, and an easy school to govern. Good order was maintained. Miss Elliott is an excellent teacher, and was perfectly at home in the school room.

Second term, taught by Mr. J. F. Morrill, of Campton. Length of school, eleven weeks. Whole number of scholars, twenty-nine; average attendance, twenty-three. Roll of honor—Melvina James, Minnie James, Linnie James, Bertha James, Fred James.



Judging from the not rapid but thorough advancement made, and the apparent good order, I have no hesitancy in pronouncing it a first-class school. I heartily endorse Mr. Morrill's manner of managing this school. The house being unfit for a winter school, the order for the last two or three weeks was necessarily disorder, made by crowding around the stove.

#### DISTRICT No. 2.

*Prudential Committee, CHARLES ELLIOTT.*

\* Three terms. First and second terms taught by Miss Lavinia Melvin, of West Plymouth. Length of first term, eleven weeks; second term, eight weeks. Whole number of scholars, first term, twenty-two, with an average attendance of seventeen and twelve fifty-fifths. Whole number of scholars, second term, twenty-six, with an average attendance of seventeen and three-eighths.

Miss Melvin labored hard, and with good success, to make this a profitable school. Having examined her schools four times, I pronounce her a hard worker and successful teacher. Those pupils who attended regularly, made satisfactory progress. Lessons were well committed by the scholars, and well and thoroughly explained by the teacher.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.

*Prudential Committee, THOMAS CILLEY.*

First term, taught by Mrs. Angie B. S. Worthen. Length of school, eight weeks. Whole number of scholars, thirteen; average attendance, not given. Roll of honor—Addie M. Blake, Mary A. Carter, Susie M. Sargent, Henry P. Cilley, Fred E. Cilley, Arthur B. Sprague.

Mrs. Worthen is a teacher of ability, by virtue of natural tact and years of experience, and we hoped she would be retained for the second term, but we lost nothing by the change, however. Order and improvement, good.

Second term, taught by Miss Nellie J. Bowler, of Lake Village. Length of school, twelve weeks. Whole number of scholars, fifteen; average attendance, twelve and twenty-one

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\* Third term not closed. Taught by J. F. Morrill, of Campton.



twenty-fifths. Roll of honor—Mary A. Carter, Nellie A. Sargent, Susie M. Sargent, Charles E. Sargent, Henry P. Cilley.

This was Miss Bowler's first term, and it was a decided success. Prompt, full of life, an energetic hard-worker in the school room, is not saying too much by way of recommendation of this young teacher. We suggest, however, that she work some less, and let her pupils work more and harder. Improvement good in the main. Good order.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

*Prudential Committee, CHARLES WEEKS.*

One term, taught by Miss Nellie P. Bryant, of Woodstock. Length of term, seven weeks. Whole number of scholars, eighteen; average attendance, seventeen.

With next to no chance in point of time, Miss Bryant commenced her almost perfect manner of work, and taught a remarkable term of school, advancing the pupils far beyond any expectations. She had one thing in her favor, that is the large average attendance. Miss Bryant is a model teacher; experience has ripened her for the work; but she is not in need of a recommendation, her name answers that wherever she has taught.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

*Prudential Committee, GEORGE F. FIFIELD.*

Two term, both terms taught by Miss Ardelle W. Chase, of Plymouth. Length of first term, eight weeks; length of second term, nine weeks. Whole number of scholars first term, fourteen, with an average attendance of eleven; whole number of scholars during second term, twenty, with an average attendance of eighteen. Roll of honor for the first term—Amy L. Hackett, Georgie L. Hackett, Emma E. Tourtillott, Nellie M. Tourtillott. Roll of honor for second term—Ada J. Gilman, Amy L. Hackett, Roxanna Jones, Emma L. Tourtillott, Nellie M. Tourtillott, Orissa M. Lyford, Charles F. Fifield, Milan J. Gilman, Albert D. Lyford, Henry D. Lyford, Wilson K. Pattee.

Department of the scholars, beautiful. Good and thorough progress made. Miss Chase is a natural teacher, so she readily interests her pupils in all things of the school room. We call

especial attention to the fact that she took great pains to teach her pupils manners—deportment. The order in her school room was like a soldier's drill or a dress parade.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

*Prudential Committee, HIRAM MERRILL.*

One term, taught by Miss Sarah A. Whitney, of Thornton. Length of term, ten weeks. Whole number of scholars, seventeen; average attendance, twelve. Roll of honor—Luella Bagley.

I can say but little of this school. I was notified by the teacher to attend its closing; I attended as notified, and the school had closed the week before—the teacher has since written me that there was some improvement made. The school appeared to be doing well on my first two visits.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

*Prudential Committee, GEORGE ELLIOTT.*

First term, taught by Miss Etta Foster, of Wentworth. Length of term, six weeks. Whole number of scholars, nine; average attendance, seven and two-thirds. Roll of honor—Herbert A. Broad.

The teacher seemed to lack energy and government, and your Committee could see but very little, if any, improvement; but I take into consideration that she had a poor chance. Her term was short, and the roll shows many days of absence on the part of the scholars.

Second term, taught by Miss Mabel E. Smith, of Moultonborough. Length of term, ten weeks. Whole number of scholars, fifteen; average attendance, eleven and thirty-eight fifty-thirds, which is an average that would hinder the best of teachers.

We can say but very little of this school, on account of there being so few present when we made our last visit. Miss Smith might make an excellent teacher if she would cultivate and get up a little more stir.

## DISTRICT No. 9.

*Prudential Committee, FREEMAN WOODBURY.*

One term, taught by Miss Dora E. Lee, of Laconia. Length of term, thirteen weeks. Whole number of scholars, twenty; average attendance, thirteen.

This shows an average of sixty-five per cent. It's a wonder that a teacher could do anything. In view of some circumstances, I visited this school three times. I found good order, and diligent and progressive students. The pupils present seemed to highly respect their teacher, and were interested in their studies. The average attendance was much in the way of success.

## DISTRICT No. 11.

*Prudential Committee, MRS. J. W. PATTEE.*

One term, taught by Miss May A. Gordon, of Thornton. Length of term, nine weeks. Whole number of scholars, eleven; average attendance, eight and eleven forty-sixths. Roll of honor—Joseph Brown. Average poor, a little less than seventy-five per cent.

I can say but very little of this school, as I received no hint of its closing until the afternoon it closed, but the fact that Miss Gordon was the teacher is a sufficient reason to pronounce the school a good one.

## DISTRICT No. 12.

*Prudential Committee, GEORGE H. BROWN.*

One term, taught by Miss Vina C. Boynton, of Holderness. Length of term, ten weeks. Whole number of scholars, seventeen; average attendance, thirteen. Roll of honor—Cyrus H. Brown.

The scholars seemed interested in their studies, and to respect their teacher. I pronounce this a very good school; good order; fair improvement. The average attendance was against the teacher's more perfect success.

## REMARKS.

The annual school meeting is the place to commence a good school, from the fact that an interest in the school meeting, on the part of the residents of the district, is a sure indication of an interest in the following schools, but, in many instances, it is like this: School meetings are thinly attended, unless some public-spirited inhabitant proposes to raise some money for building, repairs, or some other necessity, then, all will turn out, and generally the turn-out is to oppose the money-raising, when the interest should be, not to keep the money in the wallet, but to lavishly expend it for the benefit of the rising generation.

Committees, teachers, and the inhabitants of the district generally, should understand that the main purpose of the school is to prepare the pupils for moral, social, and intellectual work in the near future; consequently, they should be taught, in connection with the lessons in their text-books, the importance of going out into the world with a healthy body, and with moral and social accomplishments.

A person that lacks force should never be engaged to teach school, however many their accomplishments in other directions, from the fact that lack of force will more or less neutralize all else.

Teachers should be bundles of instruction, thoroughly imbued with what they are to teach, and continually increase their power by being untiring students, and, in the school room, should be inspirers, developers and directors.

We cannot too forcibly impress upon teachers the Divine injunction, "precept upon precept," that is, that in the school room every principle should become a part of the pupil's self, before proceeding to another.

We would impress teachers with the idea of letting scholars solve all problems in mathematics for themselves, as far as it is possible for them so to do, thereby throwing them back, or more properly forward, on their own self-reliance and self-helpfulness. When Napoleon Bonaparte was in the military school at Brunne, a student young in years, he worked seventy-two hours on an abstruse problem; the result, he solved it, and it was worth more to him than one hundred problems solved by others.



I deplore the fact of the unequal amount of schooling, believing that some way should be devised to give every scholar an equal chance; I also deplore the lack of necessary apparatus.

Next to the religious, let us work for the intellectual salvation of our children, from the debasing thralldom of ignorance, remembering that we owe all we are to the Spirit that builds the temple of religion, and the temple of instruction.

We close by invoking the Divine blessing upon all, especially upon the youth of the town.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

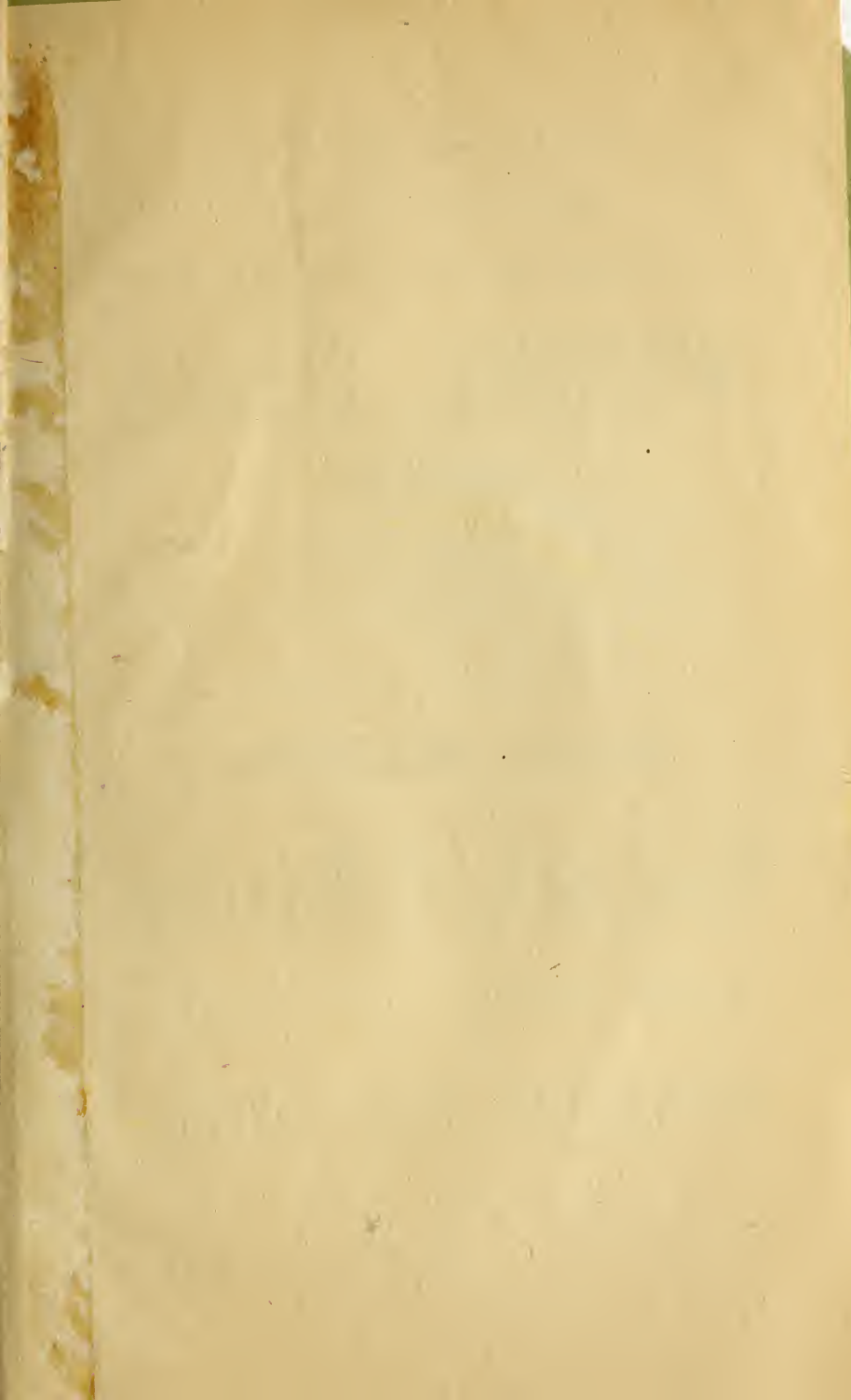
JAMES P. TOPPING,

*S. S. Committee.*

Thornton, February 24, 1881.







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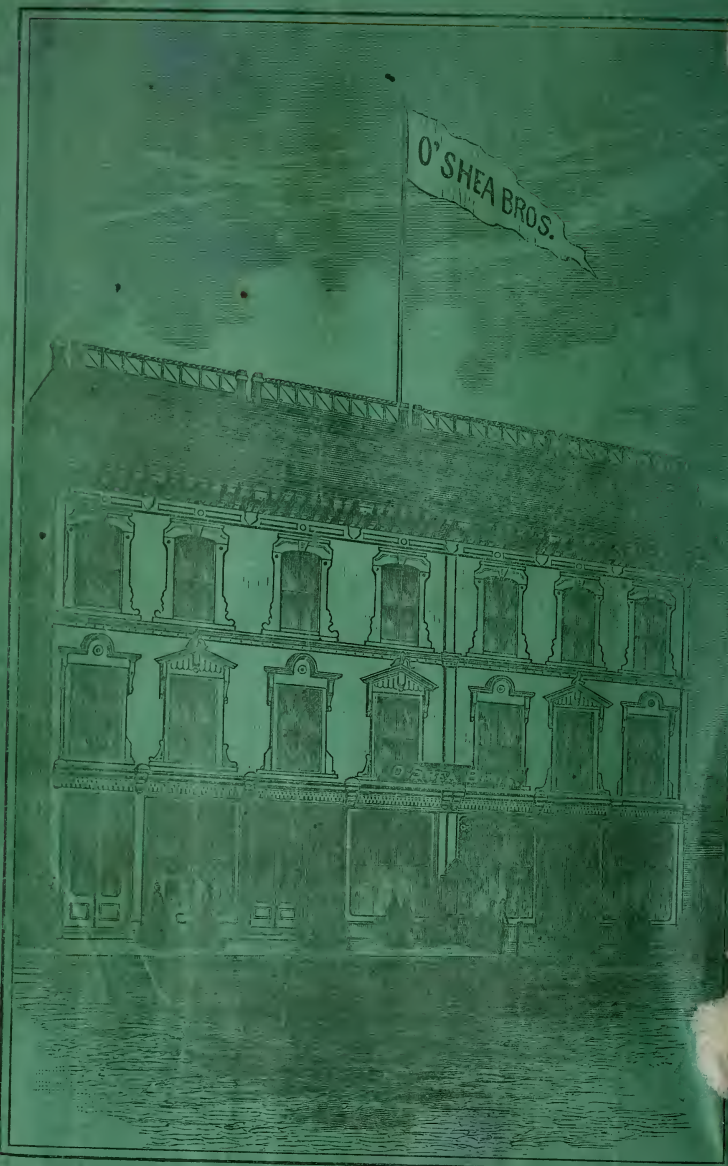
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### CR.

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<i>Orders given by the Selectmen on the Treasurer for the following</i>	
<i>Sums:</i>	

To pay on Town notes,	\$2,787 69
School Agent District No. 1,	125 00
2,	249 50
4,	97 00
5,	170 80
6,	77 00
7,	50 00
8,	58 00
9,	71 00
11,	27 00
12,	36 80
B. M. B. Selingham, his school money 1881,	7 77
"        "        Overseer of the Poor,	413 50
Philip Hart, in full for labor on highway to	
Feb. 17, 1881,	14 88
Dustin Moulton, for plank,	6 77
M. B. Cone, on error,	56 39
S. J. Philbrick, for bolts,	2 61
C. H. Kimball, for printing reports,	21 60
J. B. Sanborn, for books and blanks,	21 90

To pay F. H. Plummer, for work on highway,	\$2 50
Henry Johnson, " "	2 56
H. B. Carter, for check lists,	5 00
Daniel Peaslee, for work on highway,	4 20
S. J. Conner, " " and stone,	16 56
O. F. James, for board of Town officers to March 1, 1881,	20 75
Martin Merrill, for work on highway,	1 44
Calvin Benton, " "	11 52
A. O. Knowles, " "	6 00
B. L. Peaslee, " "	3 68
G. R. Tucker, " "	7 15
Wm. M. Sargent, " "	5 70
O. F. James, for copying burnt book,	12 37
F. M. Marden, bounty on bear,	10 00
Wm. M. Sargent, for work on highway,	3 36
C. F. Chamberlin, " bridge,	1 75
O. F. James, for lumber,	6 00
F. M. Marden, for plank and work on high- way,	18 20
H. & A. Merrill, for breaking roads,	9 72
Geo. H. Brown, for labor on highway,	16 12
D. F. Peaslee, for lumber in part,	35 00
County tax, for 1881,	653 21
State " "	388 00
C. F. Plummer, for plank,	20 84
W. G. Gilman, for drawing plank,	5 53
J. M. Moulton, for lumber and plank,	41 83
R. Ham, for lumber,	6 00
Daniel Peaslee, for work on bridge,	2 50
D. F. Peaslee, balance for work and lumber,	22 56
J. P. Topping, for services as Superintending School Committee,	25 00
Wm. T. Snow, for work on highway,	16 86
B. L. Peaslee, " " and lumber,	9 42
Geo. W. Fifield, services as Auditor, March, 1881,	1 50
Jacob Percival, public water trough,	2 00

To pay	S. B. Elliott, for work on highway,	\$5 52
	A. Lyford, for services four days as Auditor and Supervisor,	6 00
	W. L. Gilman, for drawing plank,	3 54
	M. & D. Foss, for lumber and plank,	26 41
	H. F. Durgin, 2nd, for work on highway,	12 06
	A. Darling, " "	4 79
	I. B. Campbell, " " and plank,	20 35
	Philip Hart, " bridge,	5 00
	John Colby, for public water trough,	3 00
	F. D. Lyford, " " "	3 00
	John R. Foss, for work on bolts,	2 80
	Charles Shute, for plank,	98
	Charles Hall, for work on highway,	1 44
	E. Elliott, services as Auditor, March, 1881,	1 50
	John Sargent, for work on highway,	2 34
	John Colby, " "	5 77
	B. F. Merrill, " "	4 40
	E. Elliott, fees for collector 1879,	45 00
	J. B. Sanborn, for books,	2 25
	J. W. Morrison & Son, for nails for M. R. bridge,	15 75
	Jeremiah Gilman, for labor on bridge,	13 50
	J. C. Bradley, " highway,	3 96
	D. B. Tucker, for public water trough, 1880- 1881,	4 00
	B. M. B. Selingham, for work copying burnt book,	9 50
	B. M. B. Selingham, for services as Overseer of the Poor,	39 25
	B. M. B. Selingham, for money paid out as Overseer of the Poor,	10 52
	J. W. Pattee, for services as Liquor Agent, 1880,	45 00
	John A. Sanborn, for services as Town Clerk,	20 00
	Walter C. Merrill, " " Treas- urer,	40 00
	Jeremiah Gilman, for services as Selectman,	70 50
	" " money paid out,	1 30



To pay Jonathan P. Mason, for services as Select-	
man,	\$43 50
Orrin F. James, for services as Selectman,	87 00
“ “ “ postage and paper,	4 31
“ “ “ work on bridge and bolts,	6 25
“ “ “ money paid out,	2 65
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Total amount of orders,	\$6,263 18

### TOWN DEBT.

#### *Due on Notes.*

Betsey Paige,	\$196 00
C. & B. Shute,	41 00
E. G. Foss,	516 00
Emily Durgin,	107 00
Charles Shute,	207 00
Carter Foss,	1,737 00
Ada M. Morrill,	144 00
C. Tucker,	30 00
Willie Backer,	50 00
Milton Woodbury,	15 00
M. E. Willey,	205 00
B. B. Hodsdon,	7 00
Rilla C. Sanborn,	168 00
Judith Foss,	538 00
Mahala Foss,	488 00
John Johnson,	83 00
Edmund Cone,	198 00
Lydia Woodbury,	417 00
Sarah J. Woodbury,	111 00
Mary A. Gordon,	57 00
Herod Fifield,	56 00
E. P. Cone,	105 00
B. L. Peaslee,	238 00
C. Durgin,	84 00
A. B. Jackman,	27 00
J. H. Peaslee,	54 00
Lucy A. Elliott,	35 00
Lizzie M. Woodbury,	5 00
Emma F. Wood,	11 00

Emma F. Marden,	\$101 00
C. A. Selingham,	26 00
H. L. Dow,	19 00
Louisa F. Smith,	26 00
Betsey S. Paige,	255 00
Clara E. Gilman,	50 00
John A. Sanborn,	25 00
Rufus E. Sanborn,	25 00
Hiram Merrill,	75 00
Augustus Merrill,	75 00
B. F. Hannaford,	100 00

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\$6 707 00

*Town Bonds.*

Bonds payable Jan. 1, 1889,	\$10,000 00
Interest on the same,	83 33
Bonds payable Jan. 1, 1894,	10,000 00
Interest on the same,	83 33
Bonds payable Jan. 1, 1899,	1,175 00
Interest on the same,	9 79

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\$21,351 45

*Assets.*

In Treasurer's hands March 1st, 1882,	\$816 06
Overseer's " "	4 64
Due from State for bounties,	10 00
Collector, 1880,	500 00
" 1881,	3,100 00

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\$4,430 70

*Amount of Town debt.*

Due on Town notes,	\$6,707 00
bonds,	21,351 45
coupons due Jan. 1, 1880,	7 50
1881,	7 50
1882,	15 00
on order No. 37, not paid,	25 00

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\$28,113 45

Less assets,

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\$4,430 70

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Debt,

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\$23,682 75

*Taylor Fund.*

In the Town of Thornton,

\$1,045 67

*School Fund.*

In the Town of Thornton,

\$1,312 50

ORRIN F. JAMES,	}	Selectmen of Thornton.
JEREMIAH GILMAN,		
JONATHAN P. MASON,		

## Report of the Overseer of the Poor.

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Money received of the Town of Thornton, per order from the Selectmen on Treasurer,	\$413 50
Money in hands of Overseer last year,	38 63
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	\$452 13

### *Paid for County Paupers.*

Eugene Hart,	\$52 00
S. D. Fadden,	103 50
Mary F. Whitney,	47 00
John Tucker,	19 18
Worster Foss,	25 86
Arthur O. Knowles,	97 80
Jacob Benton,	9 50
Transient,	5 50
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	\$360 34

### *Paid for Town Paupers.*

Mrs. Joshua Merrill and family,	\$87 15
Money in hands of Overseer of Poor,	4 64

B. M. B. SELINGHAM,  
Overseer of the Poor.

## Treasurer's Report.

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From March 1st, 1881, to March 1st, 1882.

### DR.

In Treasury March 1st, 1881,	\$ 553 77
Received of Selectmen,	1,975 83
Collector in 1873,	6 00
1874,	5 37
1875,	37 82
1876,	112 26
1877,	48 34
1878,	81 81
1880,	2,755 00
1881,	2,448 00
John W. Pattee, liquor agent, 1880,	117 54
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	\$8,141 74

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Money paid out by order of the Selectmen,	\$6,238 18
on coupons Dec. 1880, Jan. 1st,	11 25
1881,	32 50
1882,	1,043 75
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Total Amount paid out,	\$7,325 68
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Total Amount received,	\$8,141 74
paid out,	7,325 68
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Leaving money in the treasury March 1st, 1882,	\$816 06

As the preceding report will specify the items for the orders given on the Treasurer, it is not expedient for them to be given in



this report, as the orders are all on file in the Treasurer's office to which any reference may be made.

WALTER C. MERRILL,  
Treasurer.

Having examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer and Overseer of the Poor of the town of Thornton for the year ending March 1, 1882, we find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. P. SARGENT, }  
S. B. ELLIOTT, } Auditors.

## School Committee's Report.

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Thornton:*

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with duty as Superintending School Committee, I submit the following report:

### DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee—MRS. JENNIE R. MASON.

Two terms, both taught by Mr. Newton Fox of Woodstock. Length of first term, eight weeks; length of second term ten weeks. Whole number of scholars first term, twenty-eight, with an average attendance of twenty-four; whole number of scholars second term thirty-one, with an average attendance of twenty-five. Roll of honor for first term—Melvina L. James, Minnie E. James, Bertha E. James, Jennie B. Dow, Alice Merrill, Lillie Morrison, Lizzie Sanborn, Annie Thayer, Charles W. Foss, Fred O. James. Roll of honor for second term—Melvina L. James, Minnie E. James, Linnie L. James, Berthie E. James, Fred O. James. The school was well governed, and in the main made good advancement. Mr. Fox is one of our best teachers.

### DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee—GEORGE B. FOSS.

First of the two terms taught by Miss Lavinia Melvin of West Plymouth. Length of first term eleven weeks; whole number of scholars thirteen, with an average attendance of eleven and one-eleventh.

Second term taught by Mr. John W. Center of Hanover. Length of this term fourteen weeks. Whole number of scholars twenty-four, with an average attendance of twenty-one and eight-ninths. Roll of honor—Mabel L. Greeley. Both of the above are good

teachers, but we would recommend a little more order in the school-room for Mr. Center.

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

##### Prudential Committee—CERENO DOWNING.

First term taught by Mrs. Angie B. S. Worthen. Length of school eight weeks. Whole number of scholars twelve, with an average attendance of eleven and eleven-twentieths. Roll of honor—Addie M. Blake, Mary A. Carter, Nellie A. Sargent, Susie M. Sargent, Fred E. Cilley, Henry P. Cilley.

Second term taught by Miss Gertrude H. McCausland. Length of school eight weeks. Whole number of scholars twelve, with an average attendance of seven and seven-eighths. Roll of honor—Fred E. Cilley, Henry P. Cilley, Guy F. Downing, Geo. V. Wood, Addie M. Blake, May A. Carter, Mary C. Downing, Josephine Ham. Both of the above are old and tried teachers—they need no recommendation from me. The school during the year has made fair progress.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

##### Prudential Committee—GEORGE ATTWOOD.

Two terms, both taught by Miss Nellie P. Bryant of Woodstock. Length of first term, ten weeks; length of second term sixteen weeks. Whole number of scholars first term, twenty-two, with an average attendance of thirteen. Whole number of scholars second term, twenty, with an average attendance of twelve. The scholars that attended regularly made good advancement. Miss Bryant's work is her recommendation. The average as you will see is very bad, and therefore very annoying to both teacher and committee.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.

##### Prudential Committee—WALDO GILMAN.

Two terms, both taught by Miss Jennie M. Kinsman of Camp-ton. Length of first term, six weeks; length of second term eight

weeks. Whole number scholars first term, sixteen, with an average attendance of thirteen. Whole number of scholars second term twenty-one, with an average attendance of eighteen. Roll of honor, first term—Annie Gertrude Gillespie, Emma E. Tourtillott, Nellie Maud Tourtillott, Wilson K. Pattee. Roll of honor, second term—Addie J. Gilman, Amy L. Hackett, Eva M. Hackett, Wilson K. Pattee. Miss Kinsman taught two very fine terms of school; good order and good improvement.

#### DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee—LEWIS LOVELAND.

One term, taught by Miss Affie Russell of Woodstock. Length of term fourteen and six-tenths weeks. Whole number of scholars seventeen, with an average attendance of eleven and thirty-three seventy-thirds. Roll of honor—Freddie H. Parker, Daisey M. Parker.

Miss Russell is a good teacher, and the scholars made good improvement.

#### DISTRICT NO. 8.

Prudential Committee—SILAS B. ELLIOTT.

Two terms, both taught by Vina C. Boynton. Length of first term six weeks. Whole number of pupils, eleven, with an average attendance of ten and two-tenths. Length of second term, ten weeks, with an average attendance of eight and sixty-four one-hundredths. Roll of honor—Clara E. Elliott, Orissa M. Lyford, Susie J. Page, Frank G. Elliott, Herbert A. Broad, Albert Lyford, Henry Lyford, Fred Preston.

Two very excellent terms of school.

#### DISTRICT NO. 9.

Prudential Committee—GEO. W. ELKINS.

One term of twelve weeks, taught by Miss Laura A. Whittemore. Whole number of scholars, twenty, with an average attendance of sixteen. Roll of honor—Rosa B. Elkins, Frank Elkins, Fred Elkins.



Miss Whittemore worked hard and succeeded in teaching, the pupils making good improvement.

#### DISTRICT NO. 11.

Prudential Committee—HARRY E. GORDON.

One term of nine weeks, taught by Callie T. McCausland. Whole number of pupils, nine, with an average attendance of seven and twenty-three thirtieths. Roll of honor—Clara B. Brown, John T. Brown, Wilbur S. Gordon.

Miss McCausland bids fair to make a first-class teacher.

#### DISTRICT NO. 12.

Prudential Committee—GEO. H. BROWN.

One term of eight weeks, taught by Miss Gertrude H. McCausland. Whole number of scholars twenty-two, with an average attendance of eighteen and four-fifths. Roll of honor—Annie A. Brown, Fannie B. Brown, Clara Ellen Peasley, Hattie E. Titus, Jesse E. Avery, Cyrus Brown.

I cannot pass judgment on this school for it closed prematurely, by the sickness of the teacher.

For remarks and recommendations I refer you to my last year's report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES P. TOPPING,

S. S. Committee.

Thornton; Feb. 27, 1882.



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